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WENTWORTH MILITARY ACADEMY AS USUAL CLOSES ITS GREATEST YEAR

Enrollment Exceeds By Far All Previous Records and Broader and More Extensive Work Was Done By the Faculty.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES WERE EXTRA GOOD

Rain Prevented the Outdoor Features Monday and Tuesday But Wednesday's Exhibitions Were Brilliant and Brought Out Hundreds of Spectators.

The past year at Wentworth Military Academy has been precisely like nearly every other year. It has surpassed all that have gone before it in regards to both attendance and work done. Only a few years ago the management of the school thought that an attendance of more than 100 would mark the millennium. The past year the attendance has been 220 and at all times there have been nearly 200 students in residence.

This greatly increased attendance has afforded a fine opportunity for broadening the military work of the school. It has made possible the addition of departments of instruction in cavalry, hospital work, signaling and engineering and has likewise improved the opportunity for infantry—the battalion now being a complete one—and artillery. It has also caused an improvement in athletic work, so that the school puts out teams better than those of most of the state's small colleges.

There has been almost no friction between teachers and students during the past few years and the cadets are busy and contented and therefore loyal. The students, though given considerable freedom, conduct them-

his work as the best man in the business for developing a good organization out of comparatively raw material. Last year he developed a splendid band whose playing was a feature enjoyed by all visitors.

The band consisted of the following: Director, Capt. F. A. Day; E flat clarinet, Tisdell; B flat clarinets, McCorkle, Hallman, Hughes; saxophone, Bellmard; cornets, Cook II, Conklin, Todd; altos, Russell, Tonkin I, McKinley; trombones, Freeman, Evans; baritone, Erwin; tubas, Coultas, Dumm; drums, Uhl, Randolph, Wyatt.

COMPANY COMPETITIVE DRILL

The company competitive drill was held Monday afternoon. Captain Langdon and Lieutenant Ferris of Fort Leavenworth were the judges. All the companies showed great proficiency and a good deal of drilling was necessary to determine the winner. The decision was finally given to "C" company, Littlefield captain, with "D" company, Anfenger captain, second. The second contestants were the small boys, popular always with the spectators.

RECEPTION AND BALL

Tuesday was also a bad day



Capt. E. A. Hickman, 1st Cavalry, U. S. A

one.

FIELD DAY

The annual inter-company field meet was held Wednesday afternoon on the campus. The weather was ideal when the meet started, but later it became threatening and finally a down-pour of rain made an intermission necessary. The meet was finished late in the afternoon, but most of the spectators had left by that time.

The recent rains had made the track very soft and the going was entirely too heavy to enable the contestants to smash any records. However good records were made in several of the sprints and some of the weight events. The meet was won by Company D, which finished with 42 points, Company B was second with a total of 35, Company C third with 26 and Company A last with 14. In the individual contest for the Athle-

220 yd. dash: Wyatt 1st; Hoge I, 2nd; Conklin 3rd. Time 20 2-5.

Pole Vault: Vore II, and Conklin tied for first place; Jones IV, third. Distance 9-9.

Low Hurdles: Hoge I, 1st; Wyatt 2nd; Conklin 3rd. Time 14-2.

Broad Jump: Hoge I, 1st; Wyatt 2nd; Conklin 3rd. Distance 20-5.

440 yd. run: Wyatt 1st; Conklin 2nd; Littlefield 3rd. Time 50-2-5.

Discus Throw: Chambers 1st; Moore I, 2nd; Conklin 3rd. Distance 93-9.

880 yd. dash: Vore I, 1st; Murrey 2nd; Vore II, 3rd. Time 2-15.

Shot Put: Moore I, 1st; Littlefield 2nd; Chambers 3rd. Distance 39-2.

High Jump: Hoge I, 1st; Cunningham 2nd; Littlefield 3rd. Height 5-7.

Hammer Throw: Smith III,

LEXINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE A YEAR WITH MARKED ADVANCES

Attendance Has Increased, the Faculty Has Been Enlarged, the Scope of the Work Broadened and Scholarship Raised.

IN EVERY GRADE GOOD PROGRESS WAS MADE

There Was Very Little Interruption From Outside Sources and Consequently There Was No Hurrying and Cramming—The Commencement Program Yesterday Was Attractive.

The past year has been without doubt the banner year for the Lexington public schools. The attendance has increased in proportion to the population of Lexington and an unusually large number of pupils from out of town were enrolled in the high school. The faculty of the high school was bettered by the addition of a male teacher, B. M. Little, who helped wonder-

Phillips is one of the foremost and most successful educators in Missouri and is an able orator as well. Prof. Phillips delivered a lengthy address dealing with the problems that confront the young graduate and the methods to be used in overcoming them. He spoke as an instructor to a pupil and his ideas carried much weight and conviction. The address as enlivened by spicy wit and humorous incidents, which Mr. Phillips employed in the illustration of his points. Mr. Phillips' address was one to inspire energy and ambition in any one and was undoubtedly beneficial to all who heard it.



Superintendent M. J. Patterson

fully not only in the school room but also in the public entertainments and the management of the athletic affairs.

Throughout the entire year the work of the schools went on smoothly and steadily. There were a few serious cases of individual illness on the part of pupils, but there was no general epidemic, such as there was the winter before, and in consequence every grade was enabled without undue rushing to cover the required work. Superintendent M. J. Patterson has managed the schools admirably in every respect and his continuance by the board meets with universal approval. The annual entertainment was disposed of a week before examinations, which fact was good for both the entertainment and the scholastic work.

The public exercises incident to the closing of school were well attended and enjoyed by all.

CLOSING EXERCISES

The closing exercises and the presentation of diplomas were held yesterday morning at the Opera house. An interesting program was rendered and everything passed off auspiciously. The program opened with a choral number entitled "The Scout," which was beautifully sung by the high school chorus of 19 voices. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. R. B. Briney. The pleasure of the entertainment was enhanced by Miss Winifred Winn's rendition of the instrumental solo "Water Lily."

Prof. Edward D. Phillips, Principal of the Manual Training High school of Kansas City, delivered the class address. Mr.



Lexington High School

diligent student. His grade for four years was unusually high. The class roll is as follows: Misses Mary Berrie, Rachel Andreen, Annie Marrs, Lo's Frazier, Anna Wood Eggleston, Jennie Perrie and Ruth Craig; Arthur Kriehn, Reid Moreland and Fall Becker.

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Wentworth Military Academy

selves well in town and consequently are liked and respected by the citizens. The interest which the town people take in the academy was manifested by the large crowds which attended all the ceremonies held on the campus.

The commencement exercises were begun Sunday with the baccalaureate services which were held with Lexington college at the Baptist church and the program of which appears in another part of this paper.

BAND CONCERT

Monday it rained, so that some events scheduled for that day had to be postponed. In the evening, however, the atmosphere had moderated sufficiently to allow the band concert, which was given on the front porch of the barracks. A fairly good number of guests took in this feature. Capt. Day is pronounced by all who are familiar with

from the climatological standpoint and the only outdoor exercise held was the regular parade. In the evening, however, conditions were ideal for the final reception and ball which was given in the drill hall at 8-30. The hall was beautifully decorated and the usual platform in the south end was erected for the musicians. At the side of this were two large punch bowls, tended by several of the smaller cadets.

The programs were particularly attractive, having on them the embossed Wentworth coat of arms. There were besides the grand march twenty regular dances. The music was the best that the cadets have ever procured from Kansas City. There were nearly a hundred couples in the grand march, which was led by cadet Captain Owen and Miss Nancy Vivion, and several score of spectators looked on. Dancing lasted until half past

tie medal, Hoge I won with a total of 24 points, Wyatt was second with 21, and Conklin third with 13. Hoge took down three firsts and three seconds. Hoge's work was really the feature of the meet. He won several races, in which before-hand he was not even considered a factor. Conklin also worked hard but attempted entirely too much. Vore II's gameness in the pole vaulting contest was a feature. Another surprise was sprung when Wyatt carried off the honors after a game race in the 440 yd. dash.

The summary:
100 yd. dash: Wyatt 1st; Hoge I, 2nd; Conklin 3rd. Time, 16 2-5.

High Hurdles: Littlefield 1st; Hoge I, 2nd; Conklin 3rd. Time 15 2-5.

1 mile Run: Anfenger, 1st; Kellog, 2nd; Hughes, 3rd. Time 5 flat.

1st; Chambers 2nd; Gough 3rd. Distance 117 ft.

The relay race was not run.

SIGNAL WORK

Wednesday morning the sky had cleared and the wind and sun dried the ground rapidly. So as many events as possible were crowded into the program. At half past ten the signal squad gave an exhibition. Under the direction of Capt. McAdow this detachment has done remarkable work. The men have become proficient in three methods of communication—the telegraph, heliograph and flagging. The usefulness of this knowledge was shown during the target practice when messages were sent from Riverside park to the bluff by heliograph and then by flag to the academy.

BRIDGE BUILDING

The signal work was followed by an exhibition of bridge build-

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